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COUNTRY:	Rwania	98
Subject:	Visit of Boris Stefanov, alias Stepanov, to Rumania	

Boris STEFANOV, an important member of the Rumanian Communist Party who also holds a high position in the Communist Party in Moscow, visited Bucharest in Jenuary, 1947 on a tour of inspection. He was to return to Moscow after a brief stay in Rumania.

Subject, a native of Bazargic (formerly Rumania, now Bulgaria), had previously been in Rumania in August, 1946. He travels on a Soviet passport under the name of Colonel STRANOV.

STEPANOV came to Bucharest directly from Sofia where he is said to have been the guest of Georgi DIMITROFF. He also visited sugoslavia recently, where he was received by Marshal TITO.

It is reported that STEFANOV recommended a severe purge of the Rumanian Sommuniat Party, to the extent of twenty per cent in Bucharest and thirty to forty per cent in the provinces. These people will be replaced by technicians and intellectuals of no marked political convictions who sympathize with **ILLEGIB** the Communists.

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